AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

- 1. (currently amended): A refrigerator, comprising:
- a body provided with storage compartments;
- a door hingedly coupled to the body and selectively opening/closing the storage compartments; and
 - a door-handle assembly mounted [[in]] to a front of the door[[,]];
 - wherein opening the door allows access to the storage compartments,
 - wherein closing the door prevents access to the storage compartments,
 - wherein the door-handle assembly comprises:
 - a door handle formed with; and
 - a supporting bracket installed in the front of the door;

wherein the door handle comprises:

- a bracket-accommodating portion; and
- a first coupling portion adjacent to the bracket-accommodating portion; [[and a]]

wherein the supporting bracket installed in the front of the door to be comprises a second coupling portion.

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wherein the already installed supporting bracket is accommodated in the bracketaccommodating portion, and

wherein the having a second coupling portion is then locked to the first coupling portion by sliding the door handle.

2. (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 1, wherein the supporting bracket is formed with supporters at opposite ends thereof, and

wherein the door handle is formed with a sliding guide to support the supporters while sliding.

- 3. (original): The refrigerator according to claim 1, wherein the first coupling portion and the second coupling portion are hook-locked to each other.
- 4. (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 3, wherein the door handle <u>further comprises:</u>

a front cover; and

a rear cover detachably coupled with the front cover and formed with;

wherein the rear cover comprises the bracket_accommodating portion, the first coupling portion, and [[the]] a sliding guide.

- 5. (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 4, further comprising:
- a reinforcing cover detachably connected onto the rear cover[[,]];

wherein the reinforcing cover is formed with a separation hole at a position corresponding to the first coupling portion of the rear cover.

- 6. (original): The refrigerator according to claim 2, wherein the first coupling portion and the second coupling portion are hook-locked to each other.
- 7. (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 6, wherein the door handle <u>further comprises:</u>
 - a front cover; and
 - a rear cover detachably coupled with the front cover and formed with;

wherein the rear cover comprises the bracket_accommodating portion, the first coupling portion, and the sliding guide.

- 8. (currently amended): The refrigerator according to claim 7, further comprising:
- a reinforcing cover detachably connected onto the rear cover[[,]];

wherein the reinforcing cover is formed with a separation hole at a position corresponding to the first coupling portion of the rear cover.